

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): ~~[[The]]~~ An image processing apparatus of claim 7
connected to a network and operative to report a job progressing condition to a user terminal
apparatus requesting a job via the network, said image processing comprising:

a first controller configured to determine if at least one job is completed in the image
processing apparatus;

a thumbnail image data generating device configured to generate thumbnail image
data of a first page of the job, wherein said thumbnail image data is stored in an information
source provided in the image processing apparatus;

an electronic mail transmitting device configured to transmit an electronic mail
including a URL representing the image processing apparatus, the electronic mail being
transmitted to a mail address of the user terminal apparatus having requested the job, when
the job is completed, without transmitting the generated thumbnail image data; and

a second controller configured to allow the user terminal apparatus having the mail
address to access the information source by a browser displayed on the terminal apparatus,
and to allow the terminal apparatus to obtain the thumbnail image data,

wherein said mail address is associated with a user code representing a user, wherein
said image processing apparatus is operable when the user code is input and authenticated.

Claim 9 (Original): The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the user code is authenticated
by accessing a user code table listing users permitted to request the job.

Claim 10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): ~~[[The]]~~ An image processing apparatus of claim 10 connected to a network and operative to report a job progressing condition to a user terminal apparatus requesting thereto a job via the network, said image processing comprising:

means for determining if at least one job is completed in the image processing apparatus;

means for generating thumbnail image data of a first page of the job, wherein said thumbnail image data is stored in an information source provided in the image processing apparatus;

means for transmitting an electronic mail including a URL representing the image processing apparatus, the electronic mail being transmitted to a mail address of the user terminal apparatus having requested the job, when the job is completed, without transmitting the generated thumbnail image data; and

means for allowing the terminal apparatus having the mail address to access the information source by a browser displayed on the user terminal apparatus; and for allowing the user terminal apparatus to obtain the thumbnail image data,

wherein said mail address is associated with a user code representing a user, and wherein said image processing apparatus is operable when the user code is input and authenticated.

Claim 12 (Original): The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the user code is authenticated by accessing a user code table listing users permitted to request the job.

Claims 13-16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): ~~[[The]]~~ A method of claim 16 for reporting a job progressing condition in an image processing apparatus to a user terminal apparatus requesting thereto a job via a network, said method comprising:

determining if at least one job is completed in the image processing apparatus;
generating thumbnail image data of a first page of the job, wherein said thumbnail image data is stored in an information source provided in the image processing apparatus;
transmitting an electronic mail including a URL representing the image processing apparatus, the electronic mail being transmitted to a mail address of the user terminal apparatus having requested the job when the job, is completed, without transmitting the generated thumbnail image data;

allowing the user terminal apparatus having the mail address to access the information source by a browser displayed on the user terminal apparatus; and

allowing the terminal apparatus to obtain the thumbnail image data,

wherein said mail address is associated with a user code representing a user, and wherein said image processing apparatus is operable when the user code is input and authenticated.

Claim 18 (Original): The method of claim 17, wherein the user code is authenticated by accessing a user code table listing users permitted to request the job.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 8, wherein said user code is transmitted together with the job request for the user via the network.